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SUBJECT: STATUS OF BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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1. THE QUIET SOFTENING, MENTIONED IN REFTEL A, OF THE
RTG'S APPLICATION OF A STRICT POLICY AGAINST ACCEPTANCE
OF BOAT CASE REFUGEES IS APPARENTLY TAKING PLACE.
THE LAST BOAT THAT WE ARE AWARE OF HAVING BEEN FORCED
OUT TO SEA FROM A BOAT CASE CAMP WAS ONE CARRYING 14
MEN AND WOMEN THAT LINGERED ABOUT ONE HOUR OFFSHORE
FROM SONGKHLA DECEMBER 10. SONGKHLA AUTHORITIES HAVE
SINCE ACCEPTED A BOAT OF ELEVEN DECEMBER 13, AND TWO
BOATS OF FOUR AND SIXTEEN EACH DECEMBER 20. SINCE
THEN, THE RTG HAS MOVED 41 REFUGEES FROM PATTANI TO
THE OLD CAMP IN SONGKHLA.

2. A VISIT TO LAEM SING DECEMBER 25 REVEALED THAT SIX
BOATLOADS TOTALLING 202 REFUGEES HAD ARRIVED BETWEEN-
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DECEMBER 3 AND 24. SOME OF THE BOATLOADS REPRESENTED
REFUGEES WHO HAD REACHED THAILAND UP TO TWO MONTHS PRE-
VIOUSLY, BUT WERE JAILED AS ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN
PROVINCES THAT ARE NOT TRADITIONAL BOAT CASE HAVENS.

3. THE OFFICIAL LAEM SING POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 25
WAS 737, BUT THERE ARE AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL 500 POST

MID-SEPTEMBER ARRIVALS NOT OFFICIALLY REGISTERED IN THE CAMP. A MOVEMENT OF 54 REFUGEES TO BANGKOK FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 28, SO THE TOTAL AT LAEM SING SHOULD BE ABOUT 1200 AS OF YEAR END.

4. THE SONGKHLA POPULATION (REFTEL B) IN BOTH CAMPS WAS JUST ABOUT 810 AS OF DECEMBER 20, BUT 120 ARE SCHEDULED FOR MOVEMENT DECEMBER 28 TO BANGKOK FOR ONWARD RESETTLEMENT ABROAD. FIVE ARE GOING TO CANADA, AND THE REST TO THE UNITED STATES.
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